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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application for:

Ainsworth et al.

Serial No.: 09/847,947

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For: SELF-CLOSING SURGICAL CLIP FOR  
TISSUE



Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

Group Art Unit: 3731

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND PRIORITY CLAIM**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In the Declaration submitted herewith, Applicants claimed the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of United States Application No. 09/847,716 filed on May 1, 2001 and entitled "Self-Closing Surgical Clip for Tissue." The following preliminary amendment is made to comply with 37 CFR §1.78.

**AMENDMENT**

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

On page 1, before the heading "FIELD OF THE INVENTION," please insert the following:

**--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION(S)**

This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/847,716 entitled "Self-Closing Surgical Clip for Tissue" and filed on May 1, 2001.--

If a telephone interview would advance prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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